ANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Detentions in Gujarat under Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act

289. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) how many people have been detained so far in Gujarat under the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act; and

(b) how many of them are proven terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PEN SIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OS HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 2234 persons have been arrested under the Act in Guja rat.

(b) This would be known after completion of trial.

Condition of Bonded Labour in a Village of Maharashtra

290. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pieased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 7th September, 1987 to the effect that over 500 families comprising 2,000 men and women from Orissa and Andhra Pradesh bonded nine years ago in a village of Maharashtra are living in inhuman condi tions and are suffering from malnutrition;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(c) whether any action has since been taken to get them freed from bondage and to provide alternative jobs to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRl P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, the responsibility for identification, release and rehabilitation of bonded labourers lies with the concerned State Governments. In the instant case, the State Government of Maha rashtra has been requested to take necessary action in the matter and send us a report.

Review of the Working of the Central and State Handicrafts Corporations

291. SHRI CHITTA BASU; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered committee was set up last year to review the working of the Central and State Handicrafts Corporations;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are tht[5] essential features of the report; and

(d) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee submitted its report on 20th August, 1987.

(c) In its report the Committee headed by Shri S. G. Bose Mullick has called for increase in budgetary support from State Governments for their handicrafts corporations and cooperative societies for speeding up the tempo of development of the handicrafts sector.

The 253-page report reviewing production, marketing and export of handicrafts has suggested a framework and programme for the marketing of handicrafts in the decade hence.

The Committee recommends that the Centre should meet up to 75 per cent of the capital expenditure in the